

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of processing electronic documents comprising:
retrieving a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a
first path;

5 searching for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second
path; and

if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue
searching in a directory higher than the reference directory.

10 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising forming a path specifying the location of
the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation and one or more directories.

3. A computer product residing on a computer readable medium for processing
electronic documents, comprising instructions for causing the computer to:

15 retrieve a first electronic document located in a reference directory specified by a first
path;

search for a second electronic document purported to be specified by a second path;
and

20 if the second electronic document is not located at the second path, continue to search
in a directory higher than the reference directory.

4. The computer product of claim 3 further comprising instructions to form a path
specifying the location of the second electronic file, the path including a drive designation
and one or more directories.